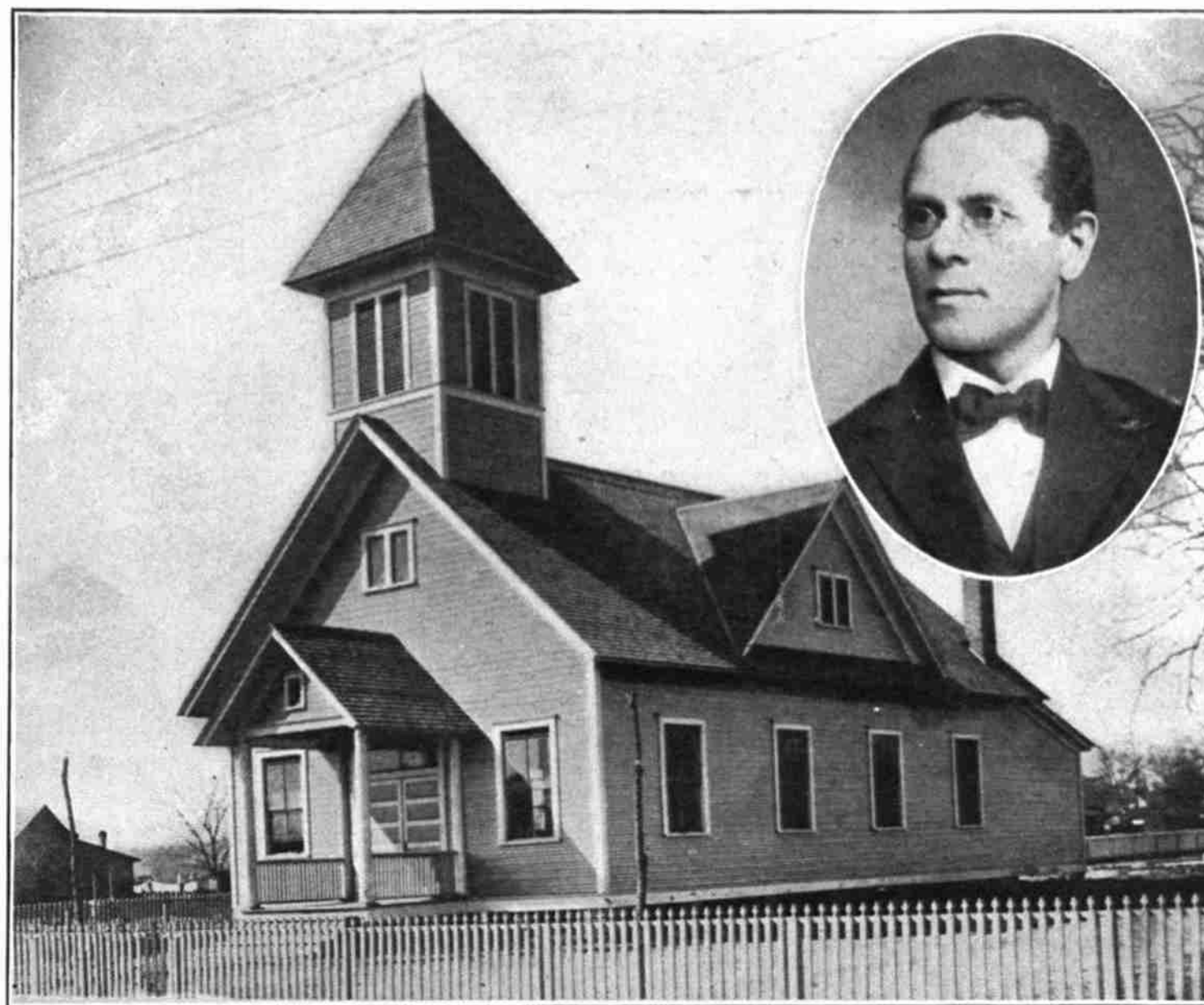


## United Presbyterian Mission, Birmingham, Ala.

ON June 22, 1905, Mr. E. K. Smith reached Birmingham. Soon afterward he opened a Sabbath-school in the midst of most uninviting surroundings. In May, 1906, a beautiful corner lot was purchased at a cost of \$2,750. During the following fall a small chapel was erected on this lot, at a cost of \$1,500. In the summer of 1907, a small cottage was built, to be used as parsonage and teachers' home, at a cost of \$1,300. In September, 1908, a two-room building in the back yard was built, at a cost of \$200.

In September, 1906, before any buildings were completed, a day school was opened and Sabbath-school and preaching services were established. The room at once became crowded. In December, the schools moved into the new chapel. This, too, soon became crowded. Then a small room across the street was hired. It was, also, soon uncomfortably filled. This led to the erection of a small building in the back yard, referred to above, which is also overflowing.

The Negro population in Birmingham is very large. With suitable buildings there could easily be a school of 500. The enrollment, 1908, 251; 6 teachers. Money for property and current expenses, which are about \$2,600 a year, is furnished



CHAPEL, UNITED PRESBYTERIAN MISSION, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.  
PRINCIPAL E. K. SMITH

by the Board of Freedmen's Missions of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, with the exception of a small tuition paid by the pupils and small contributions from friends.



CAMDEN ACADEMY, CAMDEN, ALA.

A petition from both white and black citizens led to the opening of Camden Academy, in 1895, under the auspices of the Board of Freedmen's Missions of the United Presbyterian Church. The school, with four commodious buildings, is located near the town on a picturesque site, formerly known as "Hangman's Hill." The approximate annual expenses of \$2,600 are furnished by the United Presbyterian Church. Bible lessons are taught in all grades one period each day. Bible study and religious instruction are given a prominent place in the school curriculum.

W. G. WILSON, A.M.

Principal Camden Academy, Camden, Ala. This school had 8 teachers and 337 students in 1908.